

ESOP: Licensed Plan Code Recent Changes

Under the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act of 1975, the Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) regulates California Health Maintenance Organizations (HMO). Continued change occurs with additional, discontinued, and consolidated Licensed Plans. The DMHC routinely updates their Licensed Plans list to reflect these changes.

OSHPD revises the Inpatient Data Reporting Manual after regulatory approval of the plan code changes. However, facilities may report the new plan codes to OSHPD while regulations are pending approval.

The following invalid codes are scheduled for removal by December 31, 2010:

- 0296** - AET Health Care Plan of California
- 0159** - Health Plan of the Redwoods
- 0452** - Lakeside Comprehensive Healthcare, Inc.
- 0288** - Merit Behavioral Care of California, Inc. (MBC)
- 9048** - Solano Partnership Health Plan (Solano County)
- 0461** - Talbert Health Plan
- 0411** - VMC Behavioral Healthcare Services, Inc.

The following renamed and newly licensed Plan Codes are effective for discharges on or after January 1, 2010:

- 0474** - Golden State Medicare Health Plan
- 0476** - Humana Health Plan of California

Renamed Plan Code:

- 0416** - Partnership Health Plan of California (formerly Solano-Napa-Yolo Partnership 9048)